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Comment. Although much of the information in this report appears
trivial, it is being disseminated for whatever value it may have, since so
little is known of military activities in this area.

1. In early September 1952 the Chinese Communists sent 100 cavalymen from Lota¹ to Wotsangssu (103-26, 33-51). On 11 October they returned to Lota with 150 bags of grain. In early September there were also Chinese Communists² in Tihp'u.³
2. On 17 September there was an encounter between a Szechwan guerrilla patrol of ten men and HSI Yao-t'ing (1598/5069/1556) and MA Shan-ken (7456/0810/2704) in which HSI was killed after he refused to surrender his arms and MA was taken prisoner. HSI, the supply officer of the Chinese Communist Minority People's Goodwill Mission (MPGM) from the Maohsien (103-52, 31-42) special area of the West Szechwan Administrative Office, and MA, an interpreter, were returning to Langmussu⁴ from Lint'an (103-16, 34-47) where they had procured vegetables and other foodstuffs. The encounter took place at Luchukou (4294/3796/3297) in the area between Choni (103-12, 34-39) and Shuangch'a.⁵ The guerrillas captured a pistol, a revolver with 43 rounds of ammunition, JMP 12,000,000, two fountain pens, a wrist watch, HSI's membership card in the Chinese Communist New Democracy Youth Corps, a letter from the West Szechwan Farmers' News Agency to the People's Government of Lint'an, and a travel permit for the mission.
3. On 13 October the MPGM left Langmussu and arrived in Chotsangssu (0587/5661/1408), 55 miles south of Langmussu, on 21 October.
4. In September or early October an 18-man inspection mission headed by YANG Ching-hua (2799/2529/5478) and a 20-man propaganda team arrived at Chatona⁶ from Lint'an. The announced purpose of the mission was to capture bandits and exiled landlords without interfering with or harming the Tibetans in any way. The mission distributed relief food to the Tibetans and presented gifts to the

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local monasteries and chieftains. This was done as part of the Communist policy of granting small financial favors as a means of furthering their political aims.

5. On 10 October Chinese Communist authorities began to conscript men for local militia units in the Lint'an area.⁷ Eighteen men were to be conscripted from each hsiang.
6. On 10 October the Tibetans from the Ch'iach'ekou creek area and the Ch'epaokou creek area, southeast of Choni, were moving 150 bags of grain to Chatona and Chiangli⁸ for military use.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Approximately 103-56, 33-55.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably Chinese Communist troops.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Tieh'p'u (approximately 103-05, 34-00) is also known as Yayaich'uang

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. Approximately 102-40, 33-52.

5. [REDACTED] Comment. Approximately 102-37, 34-41.

6. [REDACTED] Comment. Approximately 103-06, 33-07.

7. [REDACTED] Comment. The recruiting of militia by the Communists may indicate the beginning of an offensive against guerrilla forces under MA Liang (7456/5328), who has received air-drop support from the Nationalist Government.

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8. [REDACTED] Comment. Approximately 102-56, 34-18.

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